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Albrecht/Solat/[   ]   [   ] ofc   **25X1**
                              COINS   1330, Tues. 2 Oct 73
Re: Reply to PFIAB/ltr to DCI of 25 Sept. and appearance by [   ] and Colby at PFIAB

JM: [████████] The kinds of things [   ] and Colby might say at PFIAB.   25X1
Colby there 0930 Friday; Hall apparently earlier, on Thurs.

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Alb: [   ] wants to be prepared with a few back up notes and comments.

JM: We do not want to look negative toward the last PFIAB mtr, but otherwise
say as little as possible.

I think Colby's views are:

a. If we can do something to COINS that costs only man hours, re its
organ. and mgmt, let's do it. This relates to the substance and
quality of files, making them better. Some things shld be done by
the Exec. Agt; some shouldn't. We agree files need ...

b. Re future architecture, Colby is open-minded but not committed.
He is not sure that there is a future for a very elaborate COINS.
Yes, upgrade should exist; how much more is not clear.

c. To improve his confidence in his own understanding of the
concept of COINS, i.e., a large system, he is going to pick some
one from CIA and ask for a mini-assessment; he wants 2-3 people,
25X1   including one from [   ] and maybe NCF. To get immediate under-
standing of what is the state of the art, what should you expect to do.
Colby wants to start reasonably soon: to improve his confidence in
his own understanding.

JM: I will be giving Colby a paper that will be fleshed out some re the future
concept. He will say something about his scepticism or open-mindedness re
the future of a bigger system. And about setting about to find hout how he
should think for the future.

Briggs: I see emerging a different concept of COINS II. Rather than being an
info retrieval system for analysts, it's being seen (by the draft ASD(I)
paper) as a network. I like looking at this, including IDHS and WMCCS.
This may be what the COINS name comes to mean. Sensible to have DOD
in a major, up front role in DCA concept. This needs to be talked about/
more.

Re files themselves and impact on ..., its tougher.

My motivation is positive. We're seeing more people internally. I want to
grind into the interactive network the range of need for on-time. (What's
he is alluding to is the CIA mode of having a librarian or technician as
terminal operator, who knows all the file languages, and works the analyst's
query for him.)

If we could start thinking that sometimes it makes sense to give a user
training,but other times a trained librarian is a better intermediary.

Alb: We eventually should get together to make sure we know ...

JM: Colbe has told me to operate USIB committees. The capability exists to use them.
Where they have the capability to be useful and exist all I have to do is to
write them. Where a structure exists, we should use it. E.G., GMAIC should format
any AE files on COINS.   Tc...

JN: I'd like to see IDHS get so good that it takes over COINS and then CIA
comes to ask if they can play.

Solat: IDHS is floundering for lack of mgt.

Alb: Hope for a CIA host in 75.

Briggs: Its not in CIA FY 75 budget that went to OMB today. It might be gotten in.

JM: Our reply to PFIAB will only say something about the quality of files
and the other two points I made previously.

I'd like to give your report a hard reading and I'll suggest changes. There
may be utility in our all having a basic document. (Genl agmt and vague commit-
ment to all help edit.)

25X1   [   ] are the PFIAB consultants since 65; they were
on Knox pa

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COINS 500 k in FY 73. Underwritten plan [ ] who said that OMB wld
have to buy the case to recover this amt from CIA reserve. That also takes
OK by congressional committee. Don't want to try it.

I said re DCI responsibility for COINS:

1. DCI has $ control via IRAC.
2. Sources and methods respy.
3. Substantive production respy.

25X1   [ ] thinks Baker doesn't like [ ] as Exec Agt.   25X

25X1   If COINS itself is not centralized, leave the flexibility re how to
budget, thinks [ ] It could be centralized but may not be necessary.

25X1   [ ] thinks re COINS that system on-line interface is not needed
in all cases. CIA uses intermediary technician to query for for analysts.
Also, manufacturers make this beyond our ability to control.

25X1 [ ] on COINS to NCF

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